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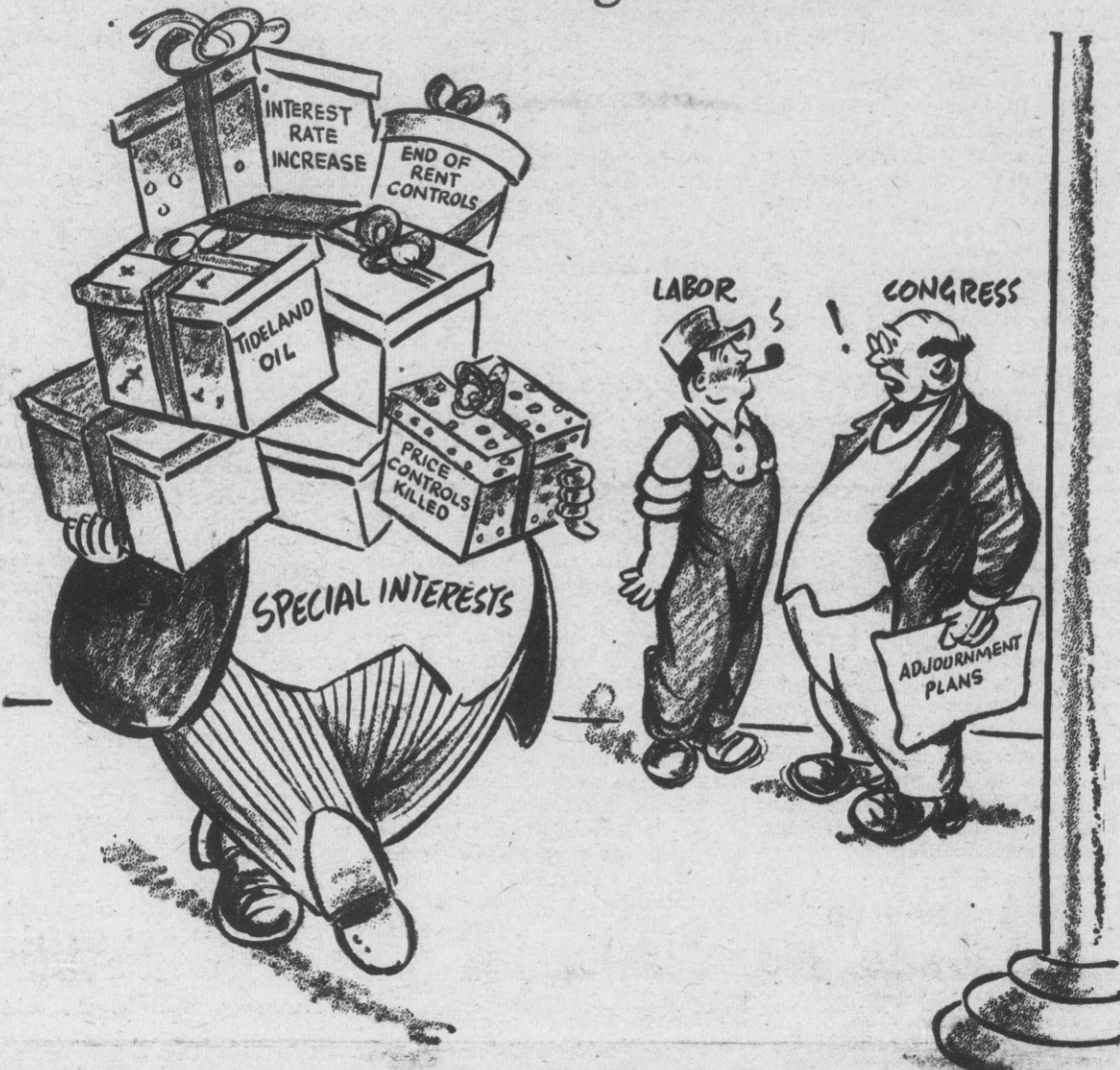
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'Oh - - - We Forgot About You!'



Political Action to Be Top Item at State Convention

(State Fed. Release)

AFL political action will get top attention at a special conference during the 51st convention of the California State Federation of Labor to be held August 10-14 in the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco.

The conference will be sponsored by the California Labor League for Political Education, Wednesday afternoon, August 12.

Congressman John F. Shelley will report to the political session regarding latest trends in national legislation. Shelley is a former president of the State Federation of Labor and now represents San Francisco's Fifth Congressional District.

Purpose and urgency of the national LLPE fund drive will be explained by a speaker from headquarters in Washington, D.C.

In a letter directed this week to all state LLPE affiliates, C. J. Haggerty, executive officer of the AFL body, explained that since no regular state or federal elections will be held in 1953, there will be no formal CLLPE convention.

The Wednesday afternoon conference is intended to intensify the state AFL political program.

Haggerty also revealed that CLLPE unions not affiliated with the California State Federation of Labor are invited to send representatives to the political meeting.

Drive Against Byrd Influence Elects 37

Arlington, Va.—Liberal and labor candidates won 37 out of the 74 Democratic county committee members in an election marked by a campaign against continued influence by Sen. Harry Byrd. Previously, the county committee here had no more than six out of the 74 members.

Mrs. Lewis Hines, wife of the AFL special representative, led the slate in her precinct over two Byrd candidates.

EGG WORKERS WIN WELFARE PLAN, WAGES

Members of Butchers Union 506, employed as egg workers by the Poultry Producers of Central California, have been granted a wage increase, retroactive to June 1, and welfare plan coverage effective September 1.

The wage increase, according to Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead, of Local 506, amounts to 7 cents an hour for the hourly workers and 1 cent a case for egg candlers.

Employers will pay \$8.65 per month for each employee for the welfare plan. Egg workers will be covered by a CPS medical benefit schedule and by a \$3500 life insurance, \$3500 accidental death or dismemberment policy of West Coast Life Insurance Co.

Retroactive wage payments under the new scale will be made only to those on the payroll of the plants at the present time, it was announced.

Salinas CLC Meets Friday

Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas will have its regular meeting this Friday night, despite the proximity of state conventions, which open this week-end in San Francisco.

Council Secretary A. J. Clark urged a full attendance at the meeting. Clark, however, will be in San Francisco for conventions that night.

Laundry Activity

Increased tempo in the organizational activity of Laundry Workers Union 258 and Dry Cleaners Union 258-B in the Salinas area was reported last week. Lawrence Palacios, international vice president, visited Salinas from his San Francisco headquarters to direct the activity.

PLUMBERS WIN WAGE INCREASE

Union plumbers in Monterey county returned to their jobs last week, ending a short strike which was settled when the contractors granted wage increase of 12½-cents an hour plus an additional 2½-cents for the workers' welfare fund.

Plumbers Union 503 of Salinas and Plumbers Union 62 of Monterey settled contracts a day apart, with same provisions, according to union officials.

Carp. Council Meets Aug. 11

Next meeting of the Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters will be held Tuesday night, August 11. Council officers were elected at the last meeting and new officers will be in charge of the coming session. Important business is scheduled.

Empie Vacations

Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Salinas Laborers Union 272, enjoyed a week of vacation last week—by staying around home and resting. Empie was seen so often about town that many people did not know he was vacationing, but he says it was a good rest.

2500 at Apprenticeship Parley in San Diego

San Diego—Nearly 2500 representatives of labor, management, government and education were to arrive in San Diego Sunday to take part in the First North American Conference on Apprenticeship (Aug. 2 to 9).

Tackling the tough problem of improving apprenticeship, and generating new interest in it, is the job mapped for delegates from the United States, Canada and Mexico taking part in this unique international workshop. Shortages of skilled craftsmen threaten to cripple America's essential industries unless more journeymen are trained through apprentice programs, industry and labor leaders have warned.

Benefits of apprenticeship training and the need for new efforts in strengthening the programs were to be outlined in keynote addresses by Harold A. McClellan, of the National Association of Manufacturers, and Thomas Soule, of Industrial Indemnity Co., representing management; and James A. Brownlow, AFL Metal Trades division president, and R. J. Thomas, CIO assistant executive vice-president, representing labor.

Preparation for apprenticeship, selection of apprentices, public relations and other phases of successful apprenticeship programs will be discussed by speakers and panels during the conference.

Special section meetings for delegates from specific trades and industries are to be held during the week, with summary reports presented to the entire conference at general sessions.

During North American Day activities, Aug. 5, a permanent tribute to skilled craftsmen, being constructed as a project by brick mason apprentices, was to be formally dedicated. The monument is located in 1400-acre Balboa Park (site of two World Fairs) where all conference sessions are being held.

San Diego's Star-Light Opera is presenting a special performance honoring the conference delegates, and outstanding apprentices from various trades and states are to receive awards at an Honor Banquet, Aug. 6.

Joint labor-management committees planning the conference have been unanimous in expressing belief that "important and significant progress will result from the week-long workshop."

Union Painters Operating Cafe

Two members of Salinas Painters Union 1104 now are operating a restaurant in the Seaside area near Monterey, it was disclosed by Peter A. Greco, business manager of Local 1104.

Herbert and Harold Rothstein, brothers and both painters in good standing, have taken over the Pine Inn in Seaside. They will welcome their friends and co-workers at the new stand.

Wishful Thought!

In last week's Labor News, an item stated that Salinas Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 had won a wage increase of 50 cents an hour. Pointing out that this should read "50 cents a day," Union Secretary A. J. Clark added: "It's a real thought, though—wish we could get that increase!"

Baldwin Due Back

Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Salinas Carpenters Union 925, was due back at his post this week after a vacation trip with his family. Details of the vacation were not reported.

Fish Cannery Union Gains New Contract

New contract calling for wage increases in event of a successful sardine canning season and containing minor improvements in working conditions was negotiated successfully by the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union last week.

FCWU Secretary Lester Caveny said terms of the agreement provide that a wage increase of 5 cents an hour be paid as soon as 20,000 tons of sardines have been delivered to canneries.

In other contract gains, provision was made that it would be no violation for cannery workers to refuse to pack tuna loins or tuna which had been packed in cans while frozen.

Clarification of "season" and "off season" work provisions was reached also.

Little fish was packed in Monterey canneries last week but boats were hoping to find some mackerel and anchovies this week. A small amount of squid and shipped-in tuna was packed last week, union officials said.

Mont. Culinary Union Accepts Contract Offer

Members of Monterey Culinary Alliance and Bartenders Union 483 voted overwhelmingly at special meetings on July 24 to accept employer offers for a new contract. Union negotiating committee members had recommended acceptance.

The new agreement, effective as of July 15, provides a wage boost of 30 cents a day for all classifications. Wages for short shifts are boosted by 3½-cents an hour. The contract continues until July 15, 1955.

Sonyja du Gardyn, officer and office secretary of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey, is on her vacation this week, traveling to parts not designated. She says it is her first vacation with pay.

Carp. Auxiliary Slates Events During August

Ladies Auxiliary of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323 will have three major events during August, spokesmen pointed out last week.

On Wednesday of this week (Aug. 5) the ladies are having a rummage sale at Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne St.

Saturday night, August 15, the ladies will have a box social at the union hall, with husbands joining the party.

Saturday night, August 29, the ladies will have a card party, also at the union hall.

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo

Male Invasion:

He-Man Carpenter Cops—Of All Things—Crochet Cup

Oakland, Calif.—Katy, bar the door 'cause the males are starting an invasion.

Real he-men are encroaching on fields heretofore thought to be solely for women—and what's more, doing a right smart job of it, what with winning prizes and the like.

What's it all about? Simply that a burly carpenter member of Local 36 walked off with the crocheting honors at Alameda County Fair with a crocheted tablecloth that had more fancy single, double, chain and shell stitches than any other entry.

The winner was Lafayette Counts, 36, father of three small sons. Counts has his wife to blame (or credit) for the whole thing. It seems she wanted to learn to crochet so he bought her a 10-cent book and "decided to show her a thing or two" about the womanly art of crocheting.

He now has a trophy to show who's the boss of crocheting around his house, and what's more his tablecloth was entered in a national contest, with a chance of winning \$2600. Lord help Mrs. Counts if he wins that one.

AFL Approves Separate Listing Of Air Subsidies

A plan to separate pay which the government makes to airline companies for carrying the mail from federal subsidies given them has been endorsed by the AFL. The plan, known as Reorganization Plan No. 10, is aimed at reducing the post office deficit.

"This is a plan which should have been submitted to the Congress years ago," AFL Legislative Representative George Riley told the House Government Operations Committee, "because there could not have been any justification for confusing subsidies with pay for transporting mails."

Riley noted that about \$50 million a year charged to the Post Office Department actually is a nonpostal expenditure. He said a number of unions had recognized such an item as being unjustified and as "completely faulty book-keeping."

"One of the difficulties of the Post Office Department for many years," he added, "has been that the Congress had no direct control of the items chargeable to the postal system, while the Post Office Department has had to pay any and all cost items. This is as true with railroad mail pay as it has been with airline mail pay. At least the airline phase will be adequately met under the provisions of Reorganization Plan No. 10."

Approve Educational TV Station for Bay Area

(State Fed. Release)

Channel 9, the San Francisco Bay Area's community-sponsored non-commercial television station, was given an official "go ahead" last week when the Federal Communications Commission granted a construction permit to the Bay Area Educational Television Assn.

The Commission's decision (granting television Channel 9 to BAETA) was announced by Dr. Herbert C. Clish, BAETA board chairman, and Dr. Vaughn D. Seidel, the Association's president. Dr. Seidel called the action of the FCC the most important development in 18 months of planning toward a community television station for the Bay Area.

The new station—which can be received on all present receiving sets—will probably go on the air late this fall, according to James Day, general manager. "Though we may have to start with limited hours on the air," he said, "our studios and transmitter should be ready in three or four months."

According to Day, Channel 9 will operate from two studios: one in Dwinelle Hall on the University of California campus at Berkeley and the other in the John O'Connell Trade School in San Francisco. Both studios will be fully equipped for live programming.

"We hope from the start to present programs that are professional in calibre, educational in content and entertaining as first rate non-fiction writing is entertaining," said Day.

"Our first programs will be concentrated in three general fields: formal education on an adult level; mature presentations of a cultural or public service nature; and after-school children's shows designed to introduce wider interests in all fields of the arts and sciences, hobbies and crafts."

BAETA was the first non-profit educational television corporation to be organized in the United States and will depend largely on its viewing public for financing. Its board of directors includes C. J. Hagerty, secretary-treasurer of the California State Federation of Labor.

Rail Engineers Nix Amalgamation With Firemen

Cleveland (LPA)—Delegates to the 12th triennial convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers made it clear that the 90-year-old union intends to retain its separate status by rejecting a proposal by the Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen for joint conferences looking toward amalgamation.

Grand Chief Guy L. Brown, in reply to a telegram from D. B. Robertson, president of the BLEE, which is holding its convention in Boston, said: "The delegates decided that they are not in accord with your suggestion."

"Keen disappointment" was voiced by D. B. Robertson, retiring president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, at its convention in Boston, of rejection by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers of a bid to amalgamate the two organizations. "I am thoroughly satisfied the time will soon come," Robertson said, "when all men on the deck of a locomotive will belong to one organization."

He stressed that "closer harmony and unity" was essential in his opinion to meet the trend in the railroad industry toward concentration of resources and centralization of managerial functions.

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Need Agency to Aid Handicapped, UMW Official Says

Washington (LPA)—His union knows "from long and bitter experience" the failings of the present federal-state programs for rehabilitation and employment of the handicapped, Thomas Kennedy told the House Labor Committee recently. Kennedy is vice president of the United Mine Workers.

Kennedy, testifying in favor of bills to establish a Federal Agency for the Handicapped, pointed out that there are more deaths and permanent and partial disabilities in coal mining than in any other industry, and that the miners know the need for such an agency better than any other group.

"As a nation we have played international Santa Claus for the benefit of other peoples," said Kennedy, "but have signally overlooked the very obvious needs of our own millions of handicapped citizens who require rehabilitation just as much as do the peoples of Britain, Europe, Asia and other continents, on whom we have spent billions of dollars these past 12 years."

He said there are 35 agencies now involved in aiding the handicapped, but there is no coordination; that of the 350,000 permanently disabled each year, only 51,000 are "processed"; that reports of a "great job" being done now are not true.

Manufacturers' Profits Rise

New York City.—Despite the excess profits tax, opposed by the National Association of Manufacturers, manufacturers' profits rose 9 per cent in the first quarter of 1953 compared with the same quarter of 1952.

It marked the second straight quarterly advance in earnings over the corresponding quarter of the previous year.

The New York Times reported that 585 manufacturing companies earned \$1,531,258,205 during the first three months of this year.

10-HOUR DAY

An executive order issued in 1840 by President Van Buren established a 10-hour day for Federal employees on public works without reduction in pay.

Building Trades Pay Scales Up In 2nd Quarter

Washington—Hourly wage scales of union construction trades workers rose 2.6 per cent between April 1 and July 1, according to a survey by the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Painters showed the greatest gain over the 3-month period, with an average increase of 9.9 cents an hour. Carpenters advanced 7.3 cents; electricians, 6.5 cents; building laborers, 6.2 cents.

Average hourly scale in the trades on July 1 was estimated at \$2.69—about 31 per cent above the average for the 3 years 1947-49.

The Bureau surveyed seven major building trades in 85 cities. Upward adjustments were recorded for at least one trade in 79 of the cities studied. In about three-fifths of the cities, four or more trades registered gains. In an eighth, all trades showed increases.

About three-fifths of the 585,000 workers covered by the study received higher scales. Carpenters, painters, and building laborers accounted for over three-fourths of the workers whose scales were increased. Nearly two of every three adjustments ranged from 10 to 15 cents an hour, about one of every 12 was for 5 cents or less, and a similar proportion was for at least 20 cents.

Over the first 6 months of the year, union scales increased about 8 cents an hour, or about 3 per cent. Last year, scales rose 11 cents, or 4.6 per cent, in the same period.

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Pay Is Answer to 'What's Wrong In U.S. Service?' Says Javits

"When we compare salaries in private industry with the wages paid to postal and federal employees, we secure an immediate and forceful answer to the problem: What is wrong with government service?" Rep. Jacob Javits (R., N.Y.) said as he urged Congress to raise the salaries of postal employees.

The starting wage in the postal

service, Javits reminded his colleagues, "is \$1.62½ cents per hour and an employee may advance after eight years of service to \$2.01½ per hour, or approximately 25 cents per hour less than the beginning wage of comparable private industry. Is it any wonder that government service is losing its attractiveness and that more and more people are turning to other pursuits?"

STARTING WAGE TOO LOW

"The present starting wage of postal employees is often less than the starting wage of unskilled labor and certainly less than the kind of a wage necessary to attract—and more important, to hold—the kind of people needed for efficient service in the federal establishment."

"How can the government hope to secure competent people with an inadequate and outdated wage policy? People with the necessary qualifications and intelligence required for post-office work who have worked there for years can make more money in private industry, but they have built up a background of seniority and retirement rights and should not be made to change over."

"According to preliminary returns from a recent survey, conducted in New York City by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks, some 42 per cent of the employees are required to do part-time work, in addition to their postal jobs, in order to supplement inadequate postal salaries."

WIVES MUST WORK

"More distressing than that, over 32 per cent of the employees have their wives gainfully employed. If we were to add to this impressive total the employees who are disabled veterans and are receiving compensation from the Veterans' Administration, it becomes apparent that well over 90 per cent of the postal employees in New York City are supplementing their wages in one way or another."

"Certainly such conditions do not permit employees to perform the same high grade of efficient service that would be possible if they were paid a proper wage which made part-time jobs unnecessary."

"There is no economy in wage scales which are so inadequate that they prevent employees from giving full time and attention to their government duties. I trust the chairman and the members of the Committee on Post Office and Civil Service will move promptly to correct this condition. Numerous bills to adjust postal and federal employers' wages have been introduced and I urge that hearings on these bills be scheduled promptly."

Here's More Info On Jobless Benefits

This is another in a series of articles, prepared for this newspaper by the California Department of Employment, which give the answers to questions frequently asked by workers concerning unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and the California State Employment Service.

Q. May a person 65 years of age file a claim for unemployment insurance while receiving old age benefits under the federal social security program?

A. Yes. If eligible, he may collect under both programs at the same time. However, it should be noted, you must demonstrate that you are able to work, available for work, and actively seeking work.

Q. If I work for several different employers during the year and earn in excess of \$3000, am I entitled to a refund and what is the procedure for getting it?

A. Yes, you are entitled to refund of any deductions made by employers in excess of \$30 in any one year. You must, however, file a claim for refund on a form which may be obtained from any office of the Department. This request must be filed after the last day of the year and on, or before, June 30 of the next year.

Q. What is an appeal?

A. There are essentially two types of appeals provided for in the California Unemployment Insurance Act: (1) An appeal to a referee from a determination made by a local office of the Department, either with respect to unemployment insurance or disability insurance; and (2) an appeal to the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board from a decision by a referee. Similar appeals may be taken from the denial of disability benefits by a voluntary plan carrier.

Q. Who may appeal?

A. Any claimant may appeal from any adverse determination, or from any adverse referee's decision. Any employer who has furnished information, as required by the act and regulations, may likewise appeal from adverse determinations or decisions.

Q. Where should an appeal be filed?

A. An appeal to a referee from a determination should be filed in the local office where the claim is on file. Appeal forms may be obtained there. An appeal from a referee's decision may be filed in the local office in which the claim is on file or directly with the California Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board, 1025 P Street, Sacramento.

Q. Within what time limit must an appeal be filed?

A. The act provides that appeals to a referee or to the Appeals Board must be filed within ten days from the mailing of the determination or decision, or personal service of the determination or decision, whichever is the later. This ten-day period may be extended upon a showing of good cause for the delay.

Q. What is the penalty for willfully making a false statement in order to obtain benefits under the California Unemployment Insurance Act?

A. It is a misdemeanor punishable by up to six months in jail and/or a fine of \$500 and loss of all benefit rights earned prior to the offense.

Q. If I am disqualified for voluntary quit, discharge for misconduct, false statement, or refusal of suitable employment, will the employment service continue to assist me in obtaining employment?

A. Yes. Furthermore, during such a disqualification period, you must report once each week in order to again become eligible to receive unemployment insurance. For each week you fail to report without good cause, an additional week will be added.

Q. What wages or work must be reported?

A. Any and all work performed, whether in regular occupation or in odd jobs, in, or outside regular working hours, and in subject, or non-subject, employment must be reported.

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But It's Still Starvation Pay

Washington (LPA)—Florida sugar cane producers must pay field workers a minimum of 10 cents more an hour than last year to get subsidies under the Sugar Act, the Agriculture Department has announced.

Adult tractor drivers and those who operate other mechanical equipment must get at least 70 cents an hour, and other adult workers 60 cents. Workers 14 to 16 must get at least three-fourths the adult rate, ranging from 45 cents to 52½ cents. Last year the rate was a flat 48 cents.

Twenty-six of the thirty-one states in the Union in 1853 were represented among the Navy and Marine Corps officers of Commodore Perry's Japan Expedition. Most of them came from Virginia, New York, Maryland and Pennsylvania.



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Inconsistency, Thy Name Is Wilson

Charles E. Wilson, the former president of General Electric, recently advocated the sale of the Tennessee Valley Authority to rid the country of a "Socialistic public power monopoly."

Wilson—not to be confused with the Defense Secretary of the same name—was elected chairman last month of the Grace Chemical Co.

Grace is building a multi-million-dollar nitrogen plant near Memphis, Tenn., which will use low-cost, government-owned power from a TVA dam.

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AFL Teachers Will Consider School Problems

Chicago, Ill.—The American Federation of Teachers, AFL, will hold its 36th annual convention in the Pere Marquette Hotel, Peoria, Ill., August 17 to 21, with more than 500 delegates from state and local affiliates attacking the country's growing school and teacher problems.

Carl J. Megel, president, said that the correction of low teachers' salaries, and the lack of teachers' job security in many areas will be among items of top priority on the agenda.

Opening sessions will hear Megel and Irvin R. Kuenzli, secretary-treasurer, report for the year, while Dr. George S. Counts, of New York, professor of education, Columbia University, will speak at a Tuesday luncheon on "Democratic Human Relations."

Megel pointed out that public schools will open after Labor Day with a steadily increasing shortage of both teachers and classrooms, many teachers having left the profession for better pay elsewhere.

"These conditions," he said, "are as much of a threat to the education of children in a democracy as the attacks on public schools from the outside which undermine public confidence in them."

AFL Is Trying to Halt Grab of Forest Lands

Washington (LPA)—Protection of national forest lands through halting the use of mining laws to grab up valuable resources was urged by the AFL, testifying before the House Agriculture Committee.

There are 780,000 acres of forest lands which have never produced commercially successful mines, but have been patented under the mining laws, and another 1,700,000 acres with no mineral or commercial value held as mining claims, he said.

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Cold Facts About Red Ink

We don't want to bore you with another review of President Eisenhower's first six months in the White House, which he passed this week.

But for the sake of the record, we would like to point out a couple of things which may have been missed by your daily newspaper. We mention them not simply because they prove that organized labor was correct in warning last year that what the Republican orators promised during the political campaign and what they are able to deliver are miles apart. We point them out also because they are vital to your pocket-book and the solvency of the nation.

In the first place, during his first six months in office, Eisenhower spent \$38 billion compared with the \$37 billion which Truman spent in his last six.

And secondly, the national debt under President Eisenhower has risen 1.9 per cent, or \$5,068,400,799.

Those figures are cold, not political.

Democrats Vote to Aid Hungry

President Eisenhower asked Congress for permission to send government-held surplus food to friendly nations overseas who do not have enough to eat.

The Democrats in the Senate voted for approval of the request 35 to 5. Only 14 of Eisenhower's 43 fellow Republicans voted to give him the authority he asked.

Later the House voted 221 to 109 to authorize \$5.2 billion in foreign aid for our friends abroad. That was within \$65 million of what the President asked.

Again it was the Democrats who backed up the President in this move to forestall Communist aggression.

Of the Democrats, 126 voted "aye," while the Republicans mustered only 94 votes for the measure.

Question

Records of the Clerk of the House of Representatives show that one family, the Rockefellers, gave \$39,000 to two Congressional campaign committees last year.

Have you made your 1953 voluntary contribution to Labor's League for Political Education?

Oil for Education

A financial crisis exists in the schools and colleges of America. According to the American Federation of Teachers it is the most severe in our country's history.

The New York Times, after surveying U.S. educational needs, says that we must have at least 175,000 new elementary and high school teachers annually over the next 10 years—yet only 35,000 persons are entering the teaching profession each year.

Dr. Earl McGrath, U.S. Commissioner of Education, warns that if something is not done to relieve the teacher shortage "a whole generation of American boys and girls will be short-changed in their right to obtain a fundamental education."

It is to be hoped that the House of Representatives will follow the Senate in earmarking funds from oil resources lying beneath the continental shelf for aid to education. Even the Congressmen who voted to give coastal states the oil lying beneath the marginal seas—that is, out to the shelf—do not have a leg to stand on in opposing such legislation.



By WM. G. KENYON, Secy.
Monterey County Teamsters,
Local 890

Do you need a Social Security account number? Do you need a duplicate Social Security card? Do you need your name changed on your Social Security card? Do you know what Social Security payments you may expect in your old age? Do you know what Social Security protection your family has in the event of your death? Do you know you can find out about all these things at your Social Security office—your local service institution?

The Social Security Administration field office in your community serves those, who for the first time are working in jobs covered by Social Security; it serves businessmen hiring employees; farm operators having regular farm hands; homemakers employing domestic help; and men and women, aged 65 or over, retiring from work or from operating their own trade or business. It also serves the families of workers or self-employed persons who died, and all the people seeking information about the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program.

More than 66 million persons have worked long enough in covered jobs to qualify for Social Security insurance payments in case their retirement at 65, or their death at any age, should occur this year. These workers, their employers, and the covered self-employed have contributed toward this insurance by their Social Security tax payments. Social Security field offices are ready and anxious to explain the protection the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance program provides.

Over five million people now get Old-Age and Survivors Insurance payments. The monthly payments in December 1952 amounted to more than \$204 million. The Social Security offices in the communities where these 5 million beneficiaries live are the service offices for these retired men and women, and their families, and for the survivors of those workers and self-employed persons who have died.

Your Social Security office is a service institution for you, your family, and your community—its service and facilities are yours for the asking. The place to ask is the Social Security Administration field office located at the address below.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2480.

CHARITY AT HOME

Terre Haute, Ind. (LPA)—When Local 841 AFL Operating Engineers presented a union-made iron lung to Gov. George Craig, leaving its destination to him, the governor sent it to his home town of Brazil, Clay County, he explained, "has not had the opportunity to receive such a unit."



Washington, D. C.

Two Billion \$ Drubbing . . .

The Senate by a vote of 46 to 16 approved the outrageous German debt deal. Here is the background of this gigantic giveaway: During the 1920s, American banking houses unloaded hundreds of millions of dollars worth of German bonds on American investors. Hitler repudiated those bonds. Since World War Two, we have loaned the Germans \$3 billion. Last summer, the State Department cooked up a deal whereby we would reduce that amount by two billion dollars . . . provided the Germans would agree to pay off the holders of those defaulted bonds . . . which means we took two billions off the amount they were to repay to the American taxpayers. Naturally, the Germans accepted. The newspapers were strangely silent about this deal. The Administration which claims to be so desperately in need of money, actually endorsed this giveaway which cost our Treasury two billion dollars. Once again, the American taxpayer is left holding the bag . . . as usual.

The Gorging Gougers . . .

This session of Congress refused to extend rent controls, and as a result, millions of tenants will find themselves faced with higher living costs the first of August. From coast to coast, housing continues to be a major problem. Real estate operators have fattened on government financing, while they blocked the creation of adequate fair rent housing. The plight of the tenants is much the same everywhere: They must take what they can get and pay through the nose for it. Meanwhile, Congress has been so busy guaranteeing the real estate speculators against loss that it hasn't had time to pay heed to the predicament of millions of tenants who will find themselves without rent protection on August 1st.

Time For a Change Dept.

On Feb. 28th, Secretary of Agriculture Benson announced that he had assurances that programs would start at once to reduce government purchases of butter. True or false? The record shows that in the month of June, Mr. Benson bought 67 million pounds of butter—more than twice the rate at which he bought it in February.

JOKES. Etc.

The hunter came panting up to one of the party. "I just met a great big bear in the woods," he said breathlessly.

"Good," said the other. "Did you give him both barrels?"

The hunter wiped his perspiring brow. "Both barrels?" he replied, "I gave him the whole gun."

Wife: "I went to cooking school before I got married."

Hubby: "What did you do there, play bridge?"

GALLANTRY IN ACTION

The young man took his girl to the movies. Suddenly he turned to her and asked: "Can you see all right?"

She nodded, "Yes."

"Is your seat comfortable?"

"Very," she smiled.

"Is there a draft on you?"

"No," she replied, overwhelmed by his attentiveness.

"Fine. How about us changing seats?"

The father was explaining business ethics to his young son.

"It's this way, son . . . suppose a customer owes the store a hundred dollars. He comes in, gives me a one hundred dollar bill. Later I find there were two hundred dollar bills stuck together. That's where business ethics comes in. Now, should I tell my partner or not?"

He: "I want to know if I have grounds for divorce."

Lawyer: "Are you married?"

He: "Of course."

Lawyer: "Well, then you have grounds."

A DISH-JOCKEY, MAYBE?

Told by an over-the-road driver: "The food at the roadside cafe was good but the music was so bad that when a waitress dropped a tray of dishes everybody got up and started dancing."

SILLY QUESTION

The local driver had a delivery to make far out in the suburbs, over bad roads, and was busy digging out with a spade when the supervisor drove up.

"Ha! Stuck in the mud, eh?" he inquired.

"Oh, no," replied the busy teamster. "My engine died and I'm digging a grave for it."



THIS IS TROUBLE? — Warner Bros. says Donna Reed is the problem John Wayne encounters in its movie "Trouble Along the Way."

"UNION MAID" —A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

AFL Recommendations To Plug Tax Loopholes

The American Federation of Labor, urging generally that all loopholes be eliminated, submitted recommendations to the House Ways and Means Committee regarding possible changes in the nation's tax laws. The committee asked for the AFL's views on various topics.

The committee, which originates all revenue-raising legislation, reviewed the entire field of taxation with a view to amending many of the laws through an "omnibus" bill which it hopes to squeeze through Congress before it quits this year. Many amendments would be technical in nature and not of major importance.

Others, however, would be of direct concern to organized labor since they deal with both the method and the payment of taxes. Some concern certain groups of taxpayers who enjoy preferential treatment under loopholes sanctioned by Congress.

ELIMINATE LOOPHOLES

AFL Vice President Matthew Woll, chairman of the federation's Committee on Taxation, told the Ways and Means unit that "simplification and equity in the tax structure will be achieved most quickly by eliminating all existing loopholes and preferential tax treatment enjoyed by particular groups of taxpayers at the expense of taxpayers generally."

"We are convinced," Woll said, "that your committee can make a signal contribution to achieving equity and a sounder economic basis for our tax structure by rejecting any and all suggestions to create new tax loopholes and recommending only those changes that are dictated by broad public policy."

He said the AFL urges that "consideration be given" to raising the exemption and lowering the tax rates on income of all workers as well as people on pensions.

The AFL also made recommendations regarding the following subjects, among others:

INCOME SPLITTING — Eliminate existing inequity, whereby married taxpayers who earn more than \$5000 a year pay substantially less in proportion to their ability to pay than those of lower income, by requiring joint returns for all married persons with a rate adjustment that would eliminate the tax advantage enjoyed by higher-bracket couples.

EXCISE TAXES — Reduce rates with the goal of eventually eliminating such levies entirely. "The excise tax serves no purpose that could not be better served through proper adjustments in more equitable forms of taxation."

"DOUBLE TAXATION" OF DIVIDENDS — Leave such form of taxation unchanged. "Taxes on profits of a corporation are imposed on the corporation; dividends are taxes as part of the income of the stockholder. It should be obvious that such taxation is not 'double taxation' in the sense that the term is commonly used."

MEDICAL EXPENSES — Reduce the amount of income allowed as deductions for medical expenses from five per cent of gross income (to a maximum of \$1250) to four per cent, which "approximates the actual percentage of disposable personal income that is being spent by consumers for medical and health services."

GIFTS AND ESTATES — Reduce exemption, increase rates, tax trusts and life estates to prevent avoidance of estate taxes by use of trusts, integrate estate and gift tax laws, and keep federal estate tax instead of returning it to the states. "Revenue from gift and estate taxes is much less than it should be."

WITHHOLDING TAXES — Withhold taxes on dividends as well as on wages and salaries.

STOCK OPTIONS — Close loophole whereby corporation executives purchase stock at less than market price and escape taxation on the difference between such price and the value of the stock. "Any plan of deferred compensation for services currently performed should be recognized and opposed for just what it is—a method of tax evasion which should not

be given legal sanction."

DEPRECIATION AND AMORTIZATION — Refuse to allow investors 20 per cent depreciation on capital investments in each of five years as a deduction on their corporation income taxes. "Increase of depreciation allowances as proposed [by Sen. Homer Capehart (R., Ind.)] would afford tax reductions to those businesses which employ physical assets at the very time there should be no tax reduction. It would discriminate against those whose business might require considerable capital and very little in the way of physical assets."

DEPLETION ALLOWANCES — Lower exemptions chargeable to depletion and exploration expenditures, such as the 27½ per cent of investment which oil producers may charge off against their taxes. "They constitute discrimination favoring particular types of business. They result in needless loss of revenue to the Treasury."

CAPITAL GAINS — Bring tax rates on capital gains, now 26 per cent, more in line with personal income tax rates; barring that, increase from 6 to 18 months the period investment must be held to take advantage of tax.

WORKING MOTHERS — Raising \$600 tax exemption for adult taxpayers and lowering rate on first \$2000 of income above exemption is most feasible way to help relieve mothers who must pay for child care while at work. "Various bills would serve to benefit women in middle and upper income categories while providing little benefit to the greater majority of working mothers in the low income groups. Virtually all of the bills would permit wholesale evasion and abuse and would be difficult to enforce."

DEPENDENCY CREDIT — Refuse to give a taxpayer dependency credit for an individual who earns more than \$600 a year even though the taxpayer contributes substantially to such individual's support. "Granting any dependency credit in such a situation would serve to operate as a tax escape device."

WORK CLOTHES — Employees should be allowed to deduct the cost of work clothes necessary for, and peculiar to, the performance of certain occupations.

AVERAGING INCOME — Give relief to musicians, actors, artisans and other workers who, because of the nature of their work, receive relatively large incomes for short periods but who also undergo longer periods when they are in receipt of little or no income.

EARNED INCOME CREDIT — Congress should re-establish a substantial earned income credit for those in income groups below \$5000 before extending further special tax privileges to investment income or dividends. Such credit was killed in 1943.

PARTNERSHIPS — Make laws governing partnerships more effective and abolish provisions under which children may be admitted as partners in a business as a tax-escape device.

EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES — Leave unchanged present laws regarding dependency credits for college students, and the maximum of \$600 which they may earn without jeopardizing deduction which a taxpayer may make for their upkeep.

Pass the Hat for AFL Meet Entertainment

St. Louis (LPA)—With the AFL holding its convention here, beginning Sept. 21, for the first time in 43 years, the 350 locals in this area are raising a special fund to entertain delegates and guests. Fifteen cents per member is the recommended donation; in mid-July the amount neared \$13,000.

Contribute to the LLPE.

Senate Confirms Two Labor Dept. Nominees

(State Fed. Release)

The United States Senate last week confirmed President Eisenhower's nomination of Spencer Miller Jr. and Harrison C. Hobart as Assistant Secretaries of Labor.

Miller, 62, is president of International University, Springfield, Mass., and former New Jersey State Highway Commissioner. From 1921 to 1942 he was director of the Workers Education Bureau of America, an independent agency later integrated into the American Federation of Labor as its department of education.

Miller has been a consultant on industrial relations of the Protestant Episcopal Church since 1928 and in 1939 received a Rutgers University award for distinguished public service in industrial relations. He is a member of the AFL American Federation of Teachers. In 1935 he served as technical adviser to the first American delegation to the International Labor Conference.

Miller was nominated to succeed Philip M. Kaiser as Assistant Secretary for International Labor Affairs. Kaiser's resignation became effective July 10.

Hobart, 64, assistant grand chief engineer of the 90-year-old Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, began his career in 1905 as a locomotive fireman. He joined a local union of BLE in 1915 and shortly thereafter became head of the local. He held a number of BLE posts until assuming his present position in 1944.

In 1942 he was appointed Minnesota State Labor Coordinator by Harold E. Stassen, who was then governor of Minnesota.

Miller and Hobart will join Secretary of Labor Martin P. Durkin, former president of the AFL Plumbers International, and Under Secretary Lloyd Mashburn, former head of the Los Angeles AFL Building Trades Council and later State Labor Commissioner in California.

A third assistant secretaryship remains to be filled.

GM, Two Others Ordered to Halt Unfair Pricing

Washington (LPA)—The Federal Trade Commission has ordered General Motors, Champion Spark Plug Co., and Electric Auto-Lite to stop discriminating in the price of spark plugs sold for replacement purposes. The three firms make and sell about 90 per cent of all spark plugs sold in the U.S.

GM also was ordered to stop discriminating in the price of other auto parts and accessories, such as oil filters, fuel pumps and speedometer cables sold for replacement purposes.

FTC found that the three firms had violated the Clayton Act by selling spark plugs to competing purchasers, both direct and indirect, at differing prices. GM was also selling others auto parts and accessories in the same manner.

FTC ordered the three firms to stop selling to any direct purchaser at net prices higher than the net prices charged any other direct purchaser who competes in the resale and distribution of such products with the purchaser paying the higher price; selling in the same manner to any indirect purchaser.

FTC found that GM and Champion Spark Plug had also violated the Clayton Act by making exclusive dealing agreements with certain of their distributors barring the distributors from dealing in products made or sold by competitors. FTC ordered them to stop enforcing any such deals or granting any rebate or fixing any price on condition that the dealer do not handle products of competitors.

UNITED STATES IN ILO

August 20 is the 19th anniversary of United States membership in the International Labor Organization. The U.S. joined ILO on Aug. 20, 1934. The organization has been in existence since 1919.



313 Years of Carpenter Membership

Several old-timers of Oakland Carpenters Local 36 called on Bro. J. W. Knowles, a member of the Brotherhood for 54 years, to convey to him the best wishes of the union on his 60th Wedding Anniversary. This picture represents 313 years of membership in the Brotherhood. Standing, left to right are Fred Otto, 50 years; C. E. Risley, 43 years; J. W. Knowles, 54 years; Paul Snyder, 18 years, and Herman Anderson, 23 years. Kneeling: Past Pres., Thomas Richards, 42 years, and Pres. John Walsh, 40 years.

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LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Bx. 512, Watsonville, ph. 4-6262; Sec. & B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, ph. 2-2906.

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Governor Fine Signs 1% Sales Tax Law For Pennsylvania

Harrisburg, Pa. (LPA)—Effective Sept. 1, Pennsylvanians will pay a 1 per cent sales tax. A GOP-dominated legislature passed the law to make up an \$118 million deficit, and GOP Gov. John S. Fine signed it July 14. Democrats will make repeal of the sales tax a campaign issue in 1954.

Exempt are sales of 10 cents or less, and food and medicine on prescription, clothing and shoes, false teeth and hearing aids, restaurant meals, newspapers, gasoline, cigarettes, beer and liquor, haircuts and shaves, and securities.

Ministry Students Learn Workers' Problems Hard Way

Boston (LPA)—Because it was felt that "the biggest blind spot in the training of ministers is that of economic and labor-management problems," 35 students at the Boston University School of Theology from 16 states are learning at first-hand what workers think, with unions cooperating. They've taken jobs for 10 weeks this summer as railroad section hands, longshoremen, workers in meat and dairy plants.

Four nights a week they attend classes on subjects of interest to workers, with labor leaders here among the lecturers. Management unwillingness to employ temporary help made the obtaining of jobs difficult, but once placed they were quickly accepted by regular workers with their identity as theological students not known.

Tag Yellowtail

The 29th tagged yellowtail has been recovered in the yellowtail study conducted by the California Department of Fish and Game under the Dingell-Johnson Federal aid program.

The fish was tagged at Los Coronados Islands near the Mexican border, and was recovered 49 days later at Ensenada, after a journey of 44 miles.



We're Doing Better on Discrimination

Nashville, Tenn.—Significant and steady improvement in the attitudes and policies of American trade unions toward Negro members has taken place in the past 10 years, a national survey revealed. In 1943, unions discriminating against Negroes in one way or another represented 18.7 per cent of the total union membership. Today that figure is down to 4 per cent or less. Of those unions which in 1943 discriminated, 75 per cent do not today.

Delegates to the 10th annual Institute of Race Relations at Fisk University were told that he figures reported were in a special study by the Jewish Labor Committee. Emanuel Muravchik, making the report, said the gains "toss into the teeth of the Communists their big lie that discrimination against Negroes on the economic front has become more intense."

Muravchik pointed out that 20 international unions now have special fair practice departments, spending about \$500,000 on these programs. Employers who once used racial antagonisms to depress wages no longer find it possible or profitable in the face of a strong trade union movement, he said.

SIU Scores 'First' as Member Gets Benefit For Second Child

New York (LPA)—Brenda Dianne Meyer has received a \$25 U. S. defense bond from the AFL Seafarers International Union—but so have 664 other babies since the union's maternity benefit plan went into effect April 1, 1952. What gives Brenda Dianne a small niche in SIU history is the fact that she's the first second child of a member to come under the program.

In addition to the bond, Jackson E. Meyer received \$200 to pay for hospital and other costs, just as he did eight days after the program began when Edward Lee Meyer was born. The union boasts that it \$200 payments top all maternity benefits provided in union insurance plans and while other programs require a year of eligibility all an SIU member needs is just one day on a ship under contract to the union.



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Firm Must Halt Ad Claims for Scalp Preparation

Indianapolis (LPA)—The Mme. C. J. Walker Manufacturing Co. has been ordered by the Federal Trade Commission to stop advertising that its preparations will improve the health of the scalp; will relieve conditions of short, thin, or brittle hair; prevent hair from falling; are a competent or effective treatment for dandruff; will, when accompanied by message stop hair from falling out or make hair soft and silky. The products named included "Madame C. J. Walker's Wonderful Hair and Scalp Preparation," "Scalp Ointment" and "Wonderful Temple Salve."

"It's like the breath of an unfed lawyer; you gave me nothing for it," Shakespeare.



NEW MEDIATION CHIEF—Judge Henry W. Edgerton, sworn in Whitley P. McCoy (right) of Montgomery, Ala., as director of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, succeeding David Cole. McCoy has been an arbiter for the U.S. Conciliation Service for 12 years and is a vice-president of the American Arbitration Association. (LPA)

Outlook for Remainder Of '53 Good, Says Meany

Philadelphia, Pa.—George Meany, AFL president, writing in the annual financial review of the Philadelphia Inquirer, said that prospects are good for the second half of this year, but that "proper economic adjustments" are necessary to prevent a general "economic downturn" next year.

Meany asked whether there is enough statesmanship in the present business government to take the kind of action that is essential to avert the danger of a depression. Attention was called to the program proposed by the AFL, and action was urged without further threatening delay.

STABILITY UNQUESTIONED

"There is no question about the stability and essential strength of the American economy," wrote Meany, "not only today, but also in the immediate future. There is no immediate danger of a drastic decline in the productive activity of the nation, or of widespread unemployment."

"There are, however, three problems of extremely serious concern to every American, problems on whose solution will heavily depend our country's success in averting a downward slide into a depression."

"First, and most immediate, is the problem of confidence. Is the defense program over? Are we about to disarm? Will there be a wave of widespread layoffs of workers engaged in defense production? Will there be a curtailment in industrial activity, in buying power, to necessitate drastic cuts in investment expenditures in new productive facilities?"

"All these questions arise from the psychological problem surrounding not only the impending termination of hostilities in Korea, but also from the ability of our people and of the public leadership to see through the false mask of the Soviet peace offensive. If the Communist artifice proves successful, and the American-led drive for the defense of the Free World is stalled; if the feeling that it is now 'all over' not only in Korea, but also in our other major defense activities; the spirit of the people, as well as the economy itself, cannot help but become deflated."

SHORT-TERM ADJUSTMENTS

"The second problem is one of short-term adjustments to necessary changes and shifts in the economic activity in a way which would sustain a balance between high production and high consumption and to keep up the onward drive of an advancing and expanding economy in the United States."

Serious imbalances are beginning to show themselves between the volume of production in a number of consumer durable goods and the anticipated consumer demand. While there is some danger of serious maladjustments in specific areas of our economy, the big problem is the extent to which both governmental and private policies can be geared to the objective of sustaining the pace of economic activity and averting a runaway deflation.

"The plain fact is that, in recent months, consumer demand for goods and services has been declining, rather than rising. Deflationary trend has been accentuated by the contracting money supply. Farm income has not shown any promise of stability, adding to the seriousness of the short-term outlook."

UNSTABILIZING FACTORS

"A substantial rise in the interest rate, the deliberate hard money policy pursued by the Treasury, plus the watchful waiting on the part of the large lending institutions—all these elements, as well as others, have contributed to the difficulty of regaining a position of stability in the months to come. As the result, it may well be expected that as soon as next October, a moderate, but considerable, rise in unemployment will be taking place."

"It is all very well to say, as one hears too often these days in certain business quarters, that a little more unemployment is a good thing. The real question is whether an addition of a million unemployed to the present number of jobless in the country by the last quarter of this year will not serve

to turn the trickle into a tide, and whether we have the means of turning the tide once it sets in."

"The third, and the most fundamental question, is whether or not we can get an agreement on policies in advance, that will help assure continuing prosperity and stable growth of our economy."

"Let us be frank about it. Policy leadership is today in the hands of the business community. Is there enough statesmanship, not only in the government, but also in business to see to it that necessary measures and measures consistent with the free competitive economy, such as we have in the United States, will be agreed upon and taken in time to avert the danger of a depression and to forestall the downward slippage of the economic trends beyond the point of recapture?"

TIME GETTING SHORT

"The American Federation of Labor has asked President Eisenhower to strengthen the Council of Economic Advisers and, in addition, to create a special Presidential commission which would study and recommend specific policies designed to sustain lasting economic prosperity and high employment."

"Time is getting short in which the government and the responsible leadership of business, labor and agriculture can agree on fundamental policies which would help the whole country to remain healthy and prosperous. No greater calamity can befall the free world than an economic crisis in the United States."

"The time is now for business men, farmers and workers to think hard and think unselfishly about the common good, not only of the American people, but of all the others around the world who look to America as the hope for the ultimate victory in the cause of freedom."

The time now is not for words, but for deeds. Specific programs that would help us do the most important job, that we know should be done, should be initiated now."

Sen. Gillette Pushes Moves to Protect Nation's Consumers

Washington (LPA)—Sen. Guy M. Gillette (D., Ia.) has introduced seven resolutions calling for creation of special consumer subcommittees in seven of the Senate's standing committees.

Thus he called the bluff of those who had opposed creation of a Select Committee on Consumer Interest by arguing that consumer problems should be handled by subcommittees.

The Senate Banking and Currency Committee shelved the proposal of Gillette and 26 other senators for creation of a Select Committee in secret hearings, and Gillette's proposal that the transcript of the hearings be made public has been ignored.

In support of his resolutions, Gillette told the Senate that an anti-consumer rider attached to the Independent Offices appropriation had killed the possibility of a study by the Federal Trade Commission to learn who gets what part of the consumer's dollar.

Find Garnishee Loophole

Harrisburg (LPA)—Pennsylvania has had a law for 66 years prohibiting the garnisheeing of wages but some Pennsylvania business houses have figured out a way to beat it by obtaining garnishee orders through the Ohio courts. Union leaders have called upon the members of the House Judiciary Committee to report out House Bill 1542 which would ban this "vicious practice."

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Sad Fact Is, Japanese Labor Doesn't Like Us

Tokyo (LPA)—Sohyo, Japan's major labor federation, is moving toward the Soviet Union and Red China, as evidenced at its fourth regular convention here, according to Dick Deverall, AFL Asia representative. Sohyo represents 3 million of the 5.8 million organized workers.

Chief topics at the convention were opposition to American military bases in Japan; opposition to MSA aid; a shift from a "neutralist" policy to one supporting the "peace loving powers" (the Soviet Union and Red China), and continued cooperation with the Left Socialist Party.

Before the convention the Railway Workers and Private Railway Workers, two major Sohyo affiliates, seceded from the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions. The powerful All Japan Communications Workers, also a Sohyo affiliate, voted to stay in the ICFTU but may secede after the Asian regional meeting in Tokyo in September.

Sohyo Secy.-General Takano indicated that at the regional meet efforts will be made to organize an Asian labor body to include the All China Federation of Labor, regarded by Takano opponents as Communist.

Communists at the Sohyo convention told Karry K. Nishio, Deverall's aide, "stop being a stooge of that reactionary Deverall." A woman at the convention yelled at Deverall, "Get out of Japan."

Trades Disputes Had Slight Effect On Employment

Total employment in the San Francisco-Oakland Area declined from an estimated 1,030,200 in May to 1,021,600 by mid-June primarily because of a trade dispute in the construction industry.

The downturn in employment between May and June was intensified, however, by continued losses in government and small reductions in all other nonmanufacturing divisions. Unemployment was higher in June than in the previous month because of the entry of new workers into the labor market and the secondary effects of labor-management disputes.

Employment increases are forecast in all major industry groups by August but the upswing will be most pronounced in manufacturing because of the usual expansion in food processing activities.

The number of workers employed in manufacturing was relatively unchanged from May to June, although there was a significant shift among industries.

Despite the unusual downturn from May to June, Bay Area employment was at an all time high for the month of June. The current level of employment is 19,000 above a year ago and 96,000 above June 1950, just before hostilities started in Korea. Year-to-year increases have occurred primarily in manufacturing and reflect recovery in consumer goods from last year's depressed levels, while losses were limited to the construction and government divisions.

Unemployment in the six county area rose slightly from 32,000 in May to 34,000 in June, but remained under the level of last year when 37,600 persons were seeking work in the Bay Area.

Construction workers in a variety of crafts were idled by the shutdown of several building projects. Claims for unemployment insurance averaged 21,600 a week in June as compared with 22,900 in May and 24,300 in June of last year. This decline in insured unemployment, however, was more than offset by the entry of students into the labor force and layoffs of government workers.

Wife: "Mother says she nearly died laughing over those stories you told her."

Hubby: "Where is she? I'll tell her some funnier ones."



GRATITUDE IN DOLLARS—Former AFL Machinist Harold R. Everett of Seattle, Wash., believes so firmly that the "union does a lot of good for a lot of people" that he recently sent the IAM district office a check for \$75 "for my share of carrying out the plans of the union." He figured he owed the money anyway for \$50 in strike benefits received in 1948 and a union blood donation valued at \$25. (LPA)

Bread and Butter Facts Sharp Cuts Raise Question About Security of Country

By PETER HENLE

Assistant Director of Research

Important questions of national security are involved when the government starts to cancel defense contracts.

This cancellation has been particularly evident in recent weeks, particularly with announcement from Detroit regarding the future of the government's tank and truck program.

Over \$1 billion in military contracts for medium tanks, 2½-ton trucks, and 5-ton trucks, will be cut by the spring of next year in a new effort to limit defense spending. In effect, these cuts leave the Defense Department with only one contractor for each of these major supply items.

The effect of these cuts on employment is yet uncertain. Some of these slashes had been anticipated. In other cases, new contracts for other military items may prevent any sharp drop in employment. However, it is clear that by next spring, there will have to be extensive lay-offs.

The sharp cuts raise serious questions about the country's national security. Possible damage from a surprise enemy air attack becomes much greater when production of such a critical item as the new M-48 tank is concentrated in one plant. If production were distributed in two or more plants, there would be less chance for an enemy attack to wipe out our total production facilities.

MAJOR QUESTION

Whether or not these cutbacks in defense contracts will impair the nation's security depends in large measure on the answer to one question: What is going to happen to the physical plant, equipment, and machine tools that have been producing the defense item? If these are sold, converted to civilian pro-

duction, or scrapped, there will be no way to reactivate the plant in the event of a national emergency. Production would have to start again from scratch.

However, if provision is made for the plant to remain in good condition and the equipment to be maintained on a stand-by basis, and if the machine tools are kept readily available, then production of this defense item could be accelerated promptly in event of a national emergency.

This is one problem that is getting increasing attention from our top mobilization officials. For the protection of the nation's security, it must be solved without further delay.

Korea Vets Top Jobless

Greatest unemployment exists among discharged Korean war veterans, according to the latest Census Bureau report. The report showed about one out of every 14 Korean vets was looking for work contrasted to one out of every 50 for other men.

Figures showed that unemployment last year reached the lowest point since World War II, averaging about 1.7 million compared with 1.9 million in 1951 and 3.1 million in 1950.

The Season for Promises Is Over in Pennsylvania, Too

Harrisburg, Pa. (LPA)—Despite the party's 1952 campaign pledge to enact FEPC legislation, the GOP-controlled Senate has again strangled an FEPC measure after it was passed overwhelmingly in the House.

The measure was killed in the Judiciary general committee, 16 to 8, with only two GOP senators voting for the bill. It was assigned to the Judiciary committee by Senate leader Harvey Taylor, although Gov. John S. Fine had appealed publicly for "fair play" by having the measure sent to the Senate Educational committee.

It was the fifth consecutive session of the legislature in which the GOP Senate leadership has strangled FEPC legislation.

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Star Lines

By
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May I tell you about my dancing class children? Mothers always love to talk about children, but they don't often have 60 or 70 to brag about. I'm the lucky one; I do!

Bill is coming along beautifully. He was so shy, it took him a year before he would join the rest of the boys and girls in dancing class. He just stood in the farthest corner and looked sour. Now he grins, does the raspa like mad and is the first on his feet when a new dance is announced.

Charlie is improving, too. He still has to be reminded to blow his nose, but his Charleston is something over the idea that he is only two years old.

Our handsome Johnny talks quite a lot these days—we worried if he ever would—but dancing seems to have sparked him. He leads the class for me frequently.

These are just three of my children. All of them are man-sized, but emotionally, they are children. They are the lost people, the gentle people, who have been so deeply hurt in their lives that they have retreated to the only safe, loving place they know—their own dream world, or their very early childhood.

Output to Pace Wage Scale

New York City.—Labor will continue to press for higher wages as long as its productivity increases, Elmer Walker, general vice president of the International Association of Machinists, declared.

"Once we realize that output per man-hour is likely to grow about 3 per cent a year in the long run," Walker said, "it is not surprising that labor should want its fair share of the increasing output. So long as the sky is the limit to the increase of American production, so long American labor will continue to broaden its horizon in seeking wage increases for the working man."

AFL Calls on Senate to Reject Move to Kill Low Cost Housing

Washington (LPA)—William F. Schnitzler, AFL secretary-treasurer, appealed to the Senate July 22 to keep the low-rent public housing program alive.

In a telegram to Senate leaders Schnitzler said that the House, in ratifying a conference committee report, had killed the program. The "compromise" adopted limits construction in the fiscal year beginning July 1 to 20,000 units from existing contracts, and prohibits any steps to permit construction in subsequent years.

This, declared Schnitzler, liquidates the program and "would end all hope of low-income slum dwellers to obtain decent housing for themselves and their children." He urged the Senate at the very least to keep the program alive by going back to the original Senate language and thus permit 20,000 new loan and annual certificate contracts during the fiscal year.

House adoption of the "compromise" reached in conference means "outright killing of a vitally-needed basic program without as much as a hearing," Schnitzler said. Such sweeping legislative action, he continued, "should not be taken without hearings and consideration by the proper congressional committees."

House Conferees Block Senate on Oil for Education

Washington (LPA)—The House members of the joint conference committee on the Continental shelf oil bill have blocked the "oil for education" provision. In three meetings the House members refused to budge, and the conferees have quit, subject to the call of Sen. Guy Cordon (R., Ore.), committee chairman.

The "oil for education" amendment was sponsored by Sen. Lister Hill (D., Ala.) and earmarks the federal government's share of revenue from offshore oil and gas revenue for federal aid to education. The Hill amendment was backed by labor.

Although the Hill amendment passed overwhelmingly in the Senate, the Administration has come out against it. Budget Director Dodge told the conferees he is opposed to the plan.

The Senate conferees were reported considering bringing back the bill to the Senate for a second vote on the Hill proposal.

Says Demos Only Calling Shots as They See Them

House Minority Leader Sam Rayburn (Tex.) declared that Democratic members of Congress who have been supporting President Eisenhower's program have not been voting for or against the President as such but simply have been supporting programs they have backed for many years.

The former Speaker added that if Democrats had voted solidly along party lines few of Eisenhower's requests would have passed. He mentioned Democratic support for excess profits tax extension, reciprocal trade, foreign aid, appropriations requests and reorganization plans.

"We're just standing where we always stood," Rayburn said. "We've always been for them. They've always been against them."

FAVOR FLUORIDATION

Kenosha, Wis. (LPA)—The Kenosha Trades and Labor Council has adopted a resolution favoring fluoridation of the city's water supply.



THE WINNER—George T. Wyman Jr. of New Orleans, La., Local 11 was awarded \$200 as first prize winner in the AFL Sheet Metal Workers 1953 National Apprenticeship Contest. Wyman, who came out on top over more than 900 entries, also walked off with second place in the 1952 contest. (LPA)

AFL Worried About Biggest Giveaway—Atomic Energy

Washington (LPA)—Andrew J. Biemiller presented the AFL position on atomic power development in testifying July 23 before the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy.

He quoted the AFL Executive Council report to the 1952 AFL convention, which said that "private monopoly in any phase or segment of the atomic energy industry is intolerable."

Yet even now monopolistic aggregates are already building up, not only around fringes of this public program, but within it. . . . No private corporation should be permitted to accumulate materials, equipment or skill of this industry for its own exclusive use or to arrogate to itself the power derived from their exclusive possession."

Biemiller told the committee that the AFL convention concurred and added that "labor must assert its leadership in making sure that the broad public interest is fully served in the future development of atomic policy."

Biemiller said the AFL insists that "the benefits of this huge public investment be widely shared rather than closely held by a favored few."

Any new legislation, he said, should include an explicit declaration that atomic power shall be produced and distributed so as to serve the national welfare. Such a Congressional declaration of intent, he added, should lay down principles such as now relate to hydroelectric development, and should include defined objectives of national policy.

Declaring the AFL is anxious to see private enterprise take a more active part, Biemiller added that "we believe it would be a mistake to abandon or curtail government activities in the expectation that private industry can take over the whole job. Atomic power must rest on a broader base than profit making opportunities. The role of government in atomic power development dare not be shelved."

Congress should prescribe procedures for an orderly transition to atomic power, to minimize or prevent economic dislocation, he said. Congress should not relieve the Atomic Energy Commission of its positive obligation to prevent or discourage monopoly, said Biemiller, adding that to rely on the present anti-trust laws is not enough.

The AFL opposes subsidies to private industry to give it a start in atomic power development, Biemiller said. "Private enterprise in atomic power should be self-supporting and independent."

Touching on labor relations, which he said "have not always been of the happiest," Biemiller declared that "in the same measure as private industry is permitted to participate in atomic power and related enterprises, American labor should be allowed to engage in collective bargaining and other normal union pursuits."

The CIO, at the same hearings, charged that the proposed "multi-

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The first issue reviews various state "right-to-work" laws and the attempt of their sponsors to eliminate trade unions under the slogan that every person has the "right to work."

"For the moment," says the Political Memo, "the surge of anti-labor 'right-to-work' laws seems to have been halted. This is in part due to the effective political education work of the unions. It is in part due to the increasing awareness of the American public that strong unions are as much a part of our free enterprise system as are the employers with whom they bargain."

"However, antilabor forces know

that if the 1954 election results in a reactionary victory, they will again have a mandate to demand further 'right-to-work' laws which will enforce the right of one man to scab on another.

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